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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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6-232553	8-19-94	Japan

OTHER DOCUMENTS

All of these references were cited in a European Search Report in a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Also, an English abstract for Japan 6-232553 is enclosed.

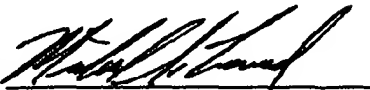
Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on April 27, 2001 with the filing of this application. The Information Disclosure Statement included two non-patent documents which were in the Japanese language. Enclosed are English abstracts for both of those documents which are titled "Evaluation of High Heat Resistant Flexible Printed Circuit Board" and "Flexural Fatigue Life Evaluation for Flexible Printed Circuit Boards at High Temperature."

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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